Restricted Area Permit System in North Eastern States

1930. SHRI DAVID LEOGER : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to lift the 'Restricted Area Permit System' from the North Easterns States to boost tourism ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir, However, Restricted/ Protected Area Regime is reviewed from time to time keeping in view the needs and exigencies of the situation and also taking into account necessary security considerations. This is a continuous process.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Operation of Vayudoot in the Country

1931. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) how many Vayudoot aircrafts are at present in operation in the country ;

(b) how many such aircrafts were grounded recently ;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to revamp the Vayudoot services ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Out of 8 Avro and 8 Dornier aricraft, 1 Avro and 2 Dornier aircraft are at present operational. Rest are grounded for major inspections/checks/ repairs. 1 Avro and 1 Dornier aircraft were grounded during October and November, 1993.

(c) and (d) Within the limitation of the available funds, efforts are continuing to make the grounded aircraft operational.

Agreement for Joint Operation to Gulf Cities by AI and IA

1932. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Air India and Indian Airlines have recently concluded an agreement for joint operations to Persian Gulf cities ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(c) to what extent the Indian Airlines will cover its losses and increase its capacity ; and

(d) to what extent it will be able to complete with other Airlines ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) 12 flights per week are proposed to be operated under the Joint Venture using Indian Airlines' A320 aircraft with Air India flight numbers from Calicut to Muscat/Dubai/Abu Dhabi. While these operation are expected to generate a surplus, a precise indication of the extent to which losses of Indian Airlines will be covered, cannot be given at this stage.

(d) Operations between calicut and Gulf will be undertaken by the national carrier only.

Delay in Payment under Voluntary Retirement Scheme by ITDC

1933. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ITDC management has been delaying the final payment to some officers and staff who opted out under Voluntary Retirement Scheme ;

(b) whether Government would decide the date of release of those incumbents with simultaneous date of actual payment to ensure full payment of salaries, etc. for such delayed date of payment;

(c) whether Government have received several representations in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) While accepting the requests for Voluntary retirement, the employees were required to collect their dues in full and final after submitting 'No Demand Certificates' from all concerned. Dues of all the officials except 5 officials have already been paid. The final settlement of dues in case of 5 employees is held up for want of different reasons such as non payment of rent for official accommodation, non-vacation of official accommodation, non-submission of 'No Demand Certificate' & dispute on the date of birth.

Assurance given to the employees of Vayudoot

1934. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Vayudoot employees State-wise ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the employees of Vayudoot are facing a crucial period of being chucked off from their job due to closure of Vayudoot service in many stations ; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had assured the Vayudoot employees that they will be absorbed in Indian Airlines in the event of closure of Vayudoot service ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The state-wise strength of Vayudoot employees is given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Number of Employees of Vayudoot in Various States

S. No.	State/U.T.	Number of Employees
01	Andhra Pradesh	103
02	Assam	7
03	Bihar	5
04	Goa	1
05	Gujarat	8
06	Himachal Pradesh	17
07	Karnataka	11
08	Kerala	8
09	Maharashtra	168
10	Meghalaya	2
11	Mizoram	2
12	Punjab	3
13	Rajasthan	4
14	Tamil Nadu	89
15	Tripura	2
16	Uttar Pradesh	8
17	West Bengal	196
18	Chandigarh	14
19	Delhi	795
20	Diu	2
21	Lakshadweep	2
22	Pondicherry	1

Condition of A-320 Air-buses

1935. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether A-320 Air Buses are found not suitable to the country ;

(b) how many old aircrafts have been grounded in Indian Airlines and how many new air crafts have replaced by the old ones ; and

(c) what is the profit and loss account of Indian Airlines during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.